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Dear Gene:

I appreciated your kind letter of 6 February, with the enclosures. I was very much interested in Mrs. H. Maxcy Smith's comments. I had forgotten the Benjamin Franklin quotation about "Let the mud dry; it is easier to brush off." It is certainly a good motto to remember these days. The part of the world where Mrs. Smith's husband is working is in a troubled state these days, and if you receive anything of particular interest from there, I should certainly be glad to get it. As a matter of fact, we are quite well informed as we have people in the neighborhood, and possibly I can be of some help to you in that connection.

I trust that the Fulton Lewis business has not been too much of a nuisance to you. It seems to me that he is beginning to run out of steam and certainly I would think that his pieces are boring enough to tire any listener.

As one of those who had a share in your involvement, I feel a particular debt of gratitude for the stout attitude you have taken. I am confident that all will come out all right in the end.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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